

## ABSTRACT:

An interface to a network management system of a communication network is described. The communication network comprises a number of objects being stored in a database on a server. The network management system is located  
5 on the server which may be accessed by a client. The communication network comprises the transmission of data between the server and the client under the use of the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA). The interface comprises a definition for a struct which only includes at least one attribute but no operation. Furthermore, the interface provides a factory for  
10 retrieving these structs, and creating objects representing elements of the communication network.